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WASHINGTON, April 25, 1984 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 1,213 in March, compared with 1,523 in February and 207 in March 1983, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders through the first three months of 1984 totaled 5,472, compared with 1,007 at the same time a year ago.

Cars placed in service in March totaled 894, compared with 528 in February and and 444 in March 1983. Cumulative deliveries for the first three months of 1984 were 1,837, compared with 1,385 during the comparable period last year.

The backlog of cars on order but undelivered as of April 1 was 6,928, compared with 6,548 on March 1, and 3,916 on April 1, 1983. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 6,375, compared with 4,123 a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 28 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in March, compared with 33 in February and 26 in March of last year.

As of April 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 93, compared with 81 on March 1, and 134 on April 1, 1983.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on April 1 totaled 25,504, compared with 25,638 on March 1 and 26,601 on April 1, 1983.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

## DELIVERED

| | March | | February | Three Months | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1984 | 1983 | 1984 | 1984 | 1983 |
| Built New by Car Builders | 894 | 334 | 528 | 1,837 | 1,185 |
| Built New in R.R. Shops | 0 | 110 | 0 | 0 | 200 |
| Built New - Total | 894 | 444 | 528 | 1,837 | 1,385 |
| Rebuilt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL DELIVERED | 894 | 444 | 528 | 1,837 | 1,385 |
| Locomotives | 28 | 26 | 33 | 76 | 62 |

## ORDERED

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To be built New by Car Builders | 1,213 | 207 | 1,523 | 5,472 | 1,005 |
| To be built New in R.R. Shops | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| To be built New - Total | 1,213 | 207 | 1,523 | 5,472 | 1,007 |
| To be rebuilt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ORDERED | 1,213 | 207 | 1,523 | 5,472 | 1,007 |

## ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

| | April 1 | | March 1 | Average | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1984 | 1983 | 1984 | 1984 | 1983 |
| To be built New by Car Builders | 6,928 | 3,914 | 6,548 | 6,375 | 4,037 |
| To be built New in R.R. Shops | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 86 |
| To be built New - Total | 6,928 | 3,916 | 6,548 | 6,375 | 4,123 |
| To be rebuilt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ON ORDER | 6,928 | 3,916 | 6,548 | 6,375 | 4,123 |
| Locomotives | 93 | 134 | 81 | 86 | 60 |

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